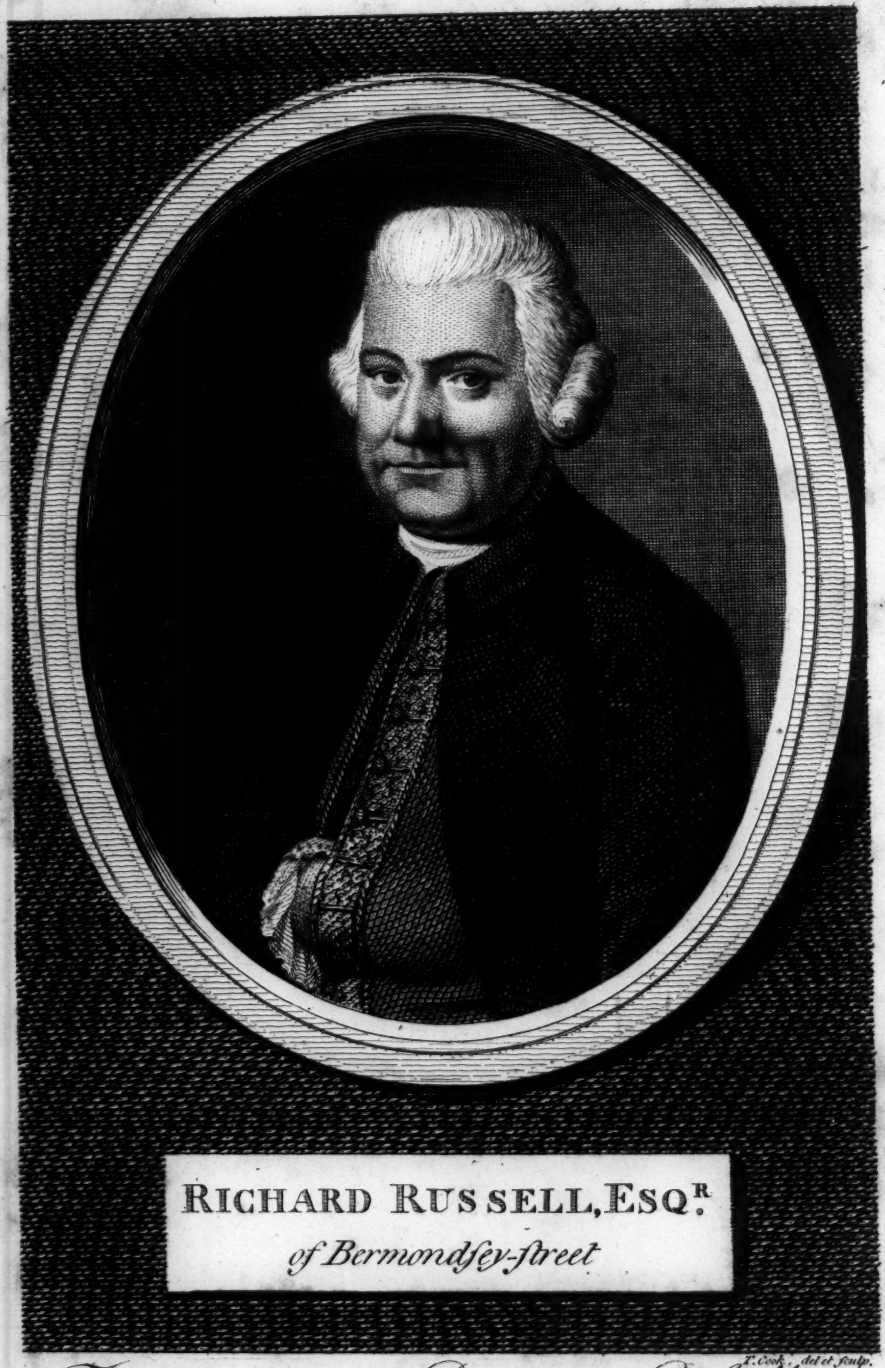

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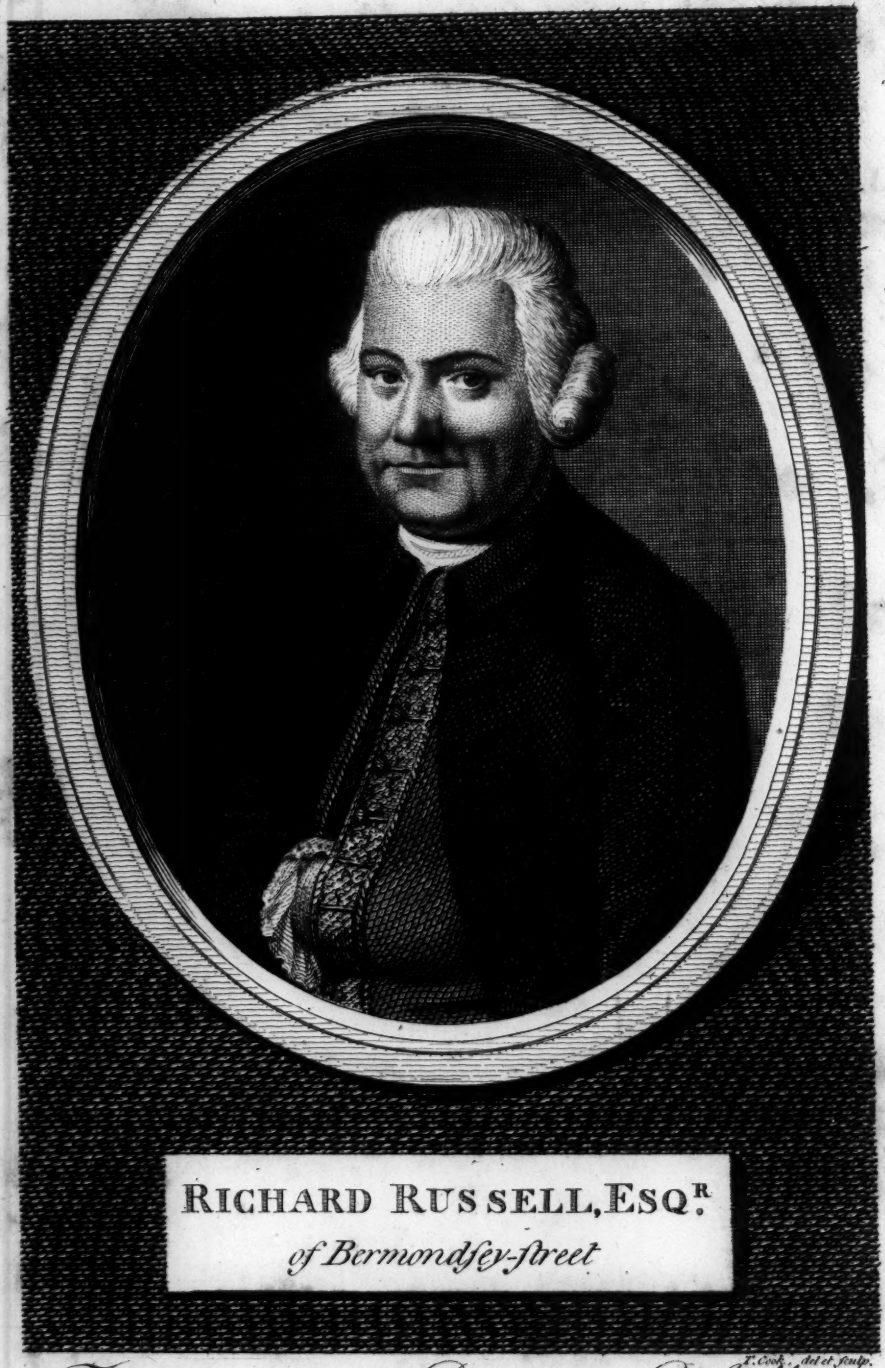

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THE

WILL

OF

RICHARD RUSSELL, Esq;

LATE OF

BERMONDSEY,

IN THE

COUNTY of SURREY.

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THE WILL OF RICHARD RUSSELL, Esq.

IN the NAME of GOD, *Amen*. I, RICHARD RUSSELL, of the Parish of *Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey*, in the County of *Surrey*, Esquire, being in good Health of Body, and of sound and disposing Mind (praised be God for the same) Do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in Manner and Form following: Preamble.

And first and principally, I commit my Soul into the Hands of my Creator; and my Body to be interred at the East End of the Vault of the Parish Church of *Saint* Form of Burial.

John, Southwark; and my Funeral to be conducted in the Manner hereafter directed. I direct that my Coffin be of Oak, and plain, without Ornaments, like unto thoſe uſually made for Quakers, but the ſame be with an Inſcription and Handles thereon; and which Coffin I deſire may be placed in one made of Stone, which ſaid Stone Coffin be without a Lid; and I do deſire that ſix young Women, Spinſters, of good Character and Reputation, between the Age of Twenty-one and Thirty, be required to ſupport my Pall, and that they be dreſſed in black Silk or Velvet, according to the Seaſon of the Year, but all alike; and that they be appareled with Silk Scarfs, Favors, and Gloves, and whatever other Trophies my Executors ſhall think proper; and that they be taken from their Houſes, or where they ſhall appoint, on the Night of the Burial, and carried back in the Coaches that ſhall attend; and that a Room be appropriated for their Accommodation: And I alſo deſire that four

Six young Women to bear the Pall

four young Women, Spinſters, dreſſed in white (and that Favors and Gloves be given unto them) do wait on the Pall Bearers, and attend the Funeral in one Coach; and that when the Body ſhall arrive at the Church Gate, and from thence to the Place where the Body ſhall reſt during the Service in the Church, they ſtrew Flowers before the Pall Bearers: And I direct that neat Baſkets, with Flowers, be delivered to the ſaid four young Women, as ſoon as they come to the Church Yard Gate; and that after the Funeral is over, they take the Baſkets home with them, as their Property.

Four young Women to ſtrew Flowers

I deſire my Executors to invite to my Funeral eight Gentlemen, who are in the Commiſſion of the Peace, and act as Magiſtrates for the County of *Surrey*; and that they be preſented with Hatbands and Gloves, and other Things, uſually given at Funerals.

Executors to invite eight Magiſtrates to the Funeral.

And

And the two Rectors of Bermondſey and St. John.

And further I deſire that the two Rectors of the Pariſhes of *Bermondſey*, and *Saint John*, be invited to my Funeral; but in Caſe either or both ſhould excuſe himſelf, or themſelves, from attending, then I deſire that the officiating Miniſter of each Pariſh be invited, and that each of them who ſhall attend be preſented with a Scarf, Hatband, and Gloves, and ſuch other Things as are uſual at Funerals.

Rector of St. John to preach a Funeral Sermon

And I do deſire my Executors will apply to the Rector of the Pariſh of *Saint John* aforeſaid, to preach a ſhort Sermon the Evening of my Funeral; but if it ſhould be, that he cannot attend, that the ſaid Rector be required to appoint one in his Stead.

Organiſt to play a Dead March

And further I deſire that the Organiſt of *Saint John*, or any Perſon he ſhall appoint, be required to play on the Organ the Dead March in the *Oratorio* of *Saul*, or *Sampſon*, while the Bearers are removing

ing the Body from the Church to the Vault, the Place of Interment, and continue the ſame until the Burial Service begins; and after the Burial Service is over, to immediately reaſſume and continue the ſaid March until the Company who attend the Funeral be in the Coaches.

To keep Order and Decorum

And I deſire that a proper Number of People be employed to attend with Lights, and to keep good Order and Decorum, and more eſpecially to prevent the Pall Bearers and their Attendants, and others, from being incommoded.

Funeral Proceſſion

And it is my Will that only two Perſons go in a Coach together (except only the Flower Strewers, they to go all in one Coach, and which is to precede the Hearſe) and that the Proceſſion do not move before Nine of the Clock in the Evening, from the Place where I ſhall lie.

Funeral Expences

And my Will is that my Funeral Expences do not exceed the Sum of Five Hundred

Hundred Pounds, and that a Sum not leſs that Two Hundred Pounds be expended thereabout.

50l. to the Pall Bearers,

I give and bequeath to each of the unmarried Women that ſhall attend my Funeral, as Pall Bearers, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and to each of the young Women that ſhall attend to ſtrew Flowers, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; which ſaid Legacies I direct my Executors to pay as ſoon as poſſible after my Funeral, and not exceeding ten Days, and not to be conſidered as Part of my Funeral Expences.

and 20l. to the Flower Strewers

Eſcutcheons affixed on the Hearſe and Pall

And I deſire that Eſcutcheons, with my Arms, be affixed on the Hearſe, and Silk Eſcutcheons on the Pall; and every Pall Bearer, and the other young Women, and the Magiſtrates, be preſented with a Silk Eſcutcheons, rolled up in Paper, after the Funeral is over.

I give

I give and bequeath to the Rectors of *Bermondſey* and *Saint John*, Five Guineas each; but if they, or either of them ſhould not attend my Funeral, then I give the ſame to the officiating Miniſter that ſhall attend.

Five Guineas to the Rectors of Bermondſey and St John

I give and bequeath to the Organiſt of *Saint John*, if he plays the ſaid Dead March, the Sum of Five Guineas, to be paid the Night of my Funeral, or the next Day.

Five Guineas to the Organiſt

And I do hereby will, order and direct, that my Executors lay out and expend the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, in the Purchaſe of Bread, Beef, and Mutton, to be diſpoſed of in the Veſtry Hall, or Church Yard, of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, *Southwark*, aforeſaid, the Morning of my Funeral, to the greateſt Objects of Charity that ſhall apply for the ſame, and to be diſpoſed of before twelve of the Clock the ſame Morning.

100l. to be expended in Bread and Meat

I give

100l. to Will. Hammerton

100l. to John Shipton

I give to *William Hammerton*, now or late of *Horncaſtle*, in the City of *Lincoln*, Fellmonger; and *John Shipton*, now or late of *Watford*, in the County of *Herts*, Leather Dreſſer, and to each of them, One Hundred Pounds, as a Token of Remembrance of my former trading with them.

100l. to Mary Clarke

I give to *Mary Clarke*, who formerly was a Servant in my Father's Family, and who now or lately lived with Mrs. *James*, either at *Peckham* or *Camberwell*, in the County of *Surrey*, One Hundred Pounds.

His Gold Watch to William Donaldſon

I give to Mr. *William Donaldſon*, of Meſſrs. *Child's* Houſe, *Temple Bar*, my Gold Watch, made by *Glegg*, N° 544, remembering the Promiſe I made him many Years ago.

To Iſaac Stapleton 100l.

I give unto *Iſaac Stapleton*, Eſquire, One Hundred Pounds.

I give

I give to all and every the Servants who ſhall be in my Service at the Time of my Deceaſe, Ten Pounds a Piece. Servants 10l.

I give unto Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, of *Botleys*, in the County of *Surrey*, Baronet; *Samuel Gillam*, of *Rotherhithe*, in the County aforeſaid; *Thomas Bell*, of *Bermondſey*, Wool-Stapler, and *William Leavis*, of *Vauxhall*, in the ſaid County, Eſquire, my Executors herein-after named, One Hundred Pounds each, which they will be pleaſed to accept for their Trouble, in the Execution of this my Will. Executors 100l. each

I give, deviſe, and bequeath, unto the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, Bequeath of Freeholds,

All that my Freehold Meſſuage, or Tenement, Number Six, ſituate in *Lombard-Street*, near the *Manſion Houſe*, in the City of *London*, now in the Tenure of —— *Irenine*: in Lombard-Street

And

At Iſlington

And alſo all that my Freehold Meſſuage or Tenement, ſituate near the Sign of the *Blue Laſt*, in *Hedge-Row*, *Iſlington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, now in the Tenure of ——— *Singleton*:

In Bermondſey

And alſo all thoſe my Freehold Lands, Meſſuages or Tenements, together with their and every of their Appurtenances, ſituate, lying, and being in the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen*, *Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey* aforeſaid:

In Fleet-Street

And alſo all thoſe my Four Freeholds, Meſſuages, or Tenements, ſituate in *Johnſon's-Court*, *Fleet-Street*, *London*, numbered 7, 8, 9, and 10; and all other my Freehold Eſtate, whereſoever the ſame are ſituate;

To hold the ſame

To hold the ſame to them, the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, their Heirs and Aſſigns for ever;

Upon

Upon Truſt neverthelefs, and to the Intent and Purpoſe that they the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, and the Survivors or Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Aſſigns of ſuch Survivor, do and ſhall ſell and diſpoſe of all and ſingular the beforementioned Freehold Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Premiſſes, and all other my Freehold Eſtate, with their and every of their Appurtenances, as ſoon as conveniently may be after my Deceaſe, for the beſt Price and Prices that can be reaſonably got for the ſame. Upon Truſt:

And I order and direct that they my ſaid Truſtees, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Aſſigns of ſuch Survivor, with the Money ſo to be raiſed by Sale thereof, as aforeſaid, be applied in Manner following: Manner of applying the ſame

Two Thouſand Pounds, Part thereof, be laid out and expended, and paid, in erecting To erect a Monument 2000l.

erecting and placing up a Monument, to perpetuate my Memory, in the Pariſh Church of *Saint John, Southwark*, aforeſaid.

To Dr Johnſon 100l.

And the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds I give to Doctor *Samuel Johnſon*, now or late of *Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street, London*, upon Condition he writes an Epitaph, to be inſcribed on my ſaid Monument.

To the Rector of St. John 21l.

And the further Sum of twenty Guineas I give and bequeath to the Rector of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, upon Condition he conſents to the placing up the ſaid Monument in the Pariſh Church of *Saint John* aforeſaid.

Monument to be completed in a Year

And I direct that the ſaid Monument be immediately ſet about, after my Deceaſe, and completely finiſhed as ſoon as poſſible, and not to exceed One Year after my Deceaſe: And I direct the ſame to be paid for as ſoon as completely finiſhed.

And

And my Mind and Will is, that the Receipt of them, the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Heirs and Aſſigns of ſuch Survivor, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Perſon and Perſons who ſhall become a Purchaſer or Purchaſers of the Whole, or any Part or Parts, of my ſaid Freehold Eſtate, herein before deviſed to my ſaid Truſtees. Executors Receipts a full Diſcharge.

And I do direct that ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers ſhall not be accountable for the Application or Miſapplication of ſuch Purchaſe Money, or any Part thereof. Purchaſers not accountable for Application of Purchaſe Money.

And I do hereby order and direct, that my ſaid Truſtees, or either of them, ſhall not be anſwerable or accountable for the Acts, Defaults, or Receipts of each other, nor for any involuntary Loſs that ſhall or may happen to the ſaid Truſt Monies, or any Part thereof; but that each of them ſhall Truſtees not anſwerable for each other

ſhall be anſwerable only for his own Acts, Defaults, and Receipts; and that they, and each of them, be ſaved Harmleſs, and kept indemnified out of my Eſtate, and ſhall thereout reimburſe themſelves all Coſts, Damages, and Expences whatſoever, which they, or either of them ſhall incur, be put unto, or ſuſtain, in the Execution of the Truſts hereby in them repoſed.

Legacies to be paid out of the Monies ariſing from the Sale of Freeholds,

And I will, order, and direct expreſſly, that alſo all and ſingular the monied Legacies, herein-before given, ſhall be paid out of the Reſidue and Remainder of the Monies that ſhall ariſe by Sale of my Freehold Eſtates herein-before deviſed, except the Legacies given to my Executors, which I deſire, in the firſt Place they retain, but likewiſe to be iſſuing out of the Produce of my Freehold Eſtate as aforeſaid.

And

If it ſhould happen that upon ſuch the ſaid Freehold Eſtates ſhould not produce ſufficient to erect the ſaid Monument, and pay all and ſingular my ſaid Legacies, then I will and direct that ſuch Deficiency be made up and paid out of the Reſiduum of my perſonal Eſtate. But if not ſufficient, out of Perſonal Eſtate.

I give and bequeath unto the Preſident, Vice-Preſidents, and Governors of the *Magdalen* Hoſpital, for the Reception of Penitent Proſtitutes, in *Saint George's-Fields*, in the County of *Surrey*, the Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds, which I deſire may be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Hoſpital. To the Magdalen 3000l.

I give and bequeath unto the Preſident and Treaſurer of the Hoſpital, called, *The New Lying-In* Hoſpital, in *Lambeth*, near *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, the Sum of Three To the New Lying-In Hoſpital 3000l.

Thouſand Pounds, which I deſire may be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Hoſpital.

To the Small-Pox Hoſpital 3000l.

Alſo I give and bequeath unto the Preſident and Treaſurer of the *Small-Pox* Hoſpital, in *Cold Bath Fields, Middleſex*, the Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds, which I deſire may be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Hoſpital.

To the Surrey Diſpenſary 500l.

Alſo I give and bequeath unto the Preſident and Treaſurer of the *Surrey Diſpenſary*, held in *Southwark*, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, which I deſire may be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of Five Hundred Pounds I deſire may be laid out and expended in decorating and ornamenting the *Diſpenſary*,

Diſpenſary, lately erected in *Union-Street*, *Southwark*; and that the ſaid Legacy be applied for no other Uſe, and to be paid within One Year after my Deceaſe, and laid out and expended within two Years from the Day of Payment of the ſaid Legacy.

To Bermondſey Charity School 100l.

Alſo I give and bequeath unto the Treaſurer of the Charity School of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen*, *Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, which I deſire may be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of One Hundred Pounds I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid School.

To St John's Charity School 100l.

Alſo I give and bequeath unto the Treaſurer of the Charity School of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, which I deſire may be paid

out of my perſonal Eſtate; and which ſaid Sum of One Hundred Pounds I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſign of the ſaid School.

If a Refuſal of erecting the Monument in St. John's, certain Legacies revoked,

Provided always nevertheleſs, that if my Executors ſhould be refuſed by the Rector, or Pariſh of *Saint John* aforeſaid, the Liberty in erecting the Monument in the ſaid Church, my Mind and Will is, that the Twenty Guineas herein before given to the Rector of *Saint John*, aforeſaid, and the One Hundred Pounds directed to be diſpoſed of in Proviſion, and the One Hundred Pounds given to the Treaſurer of the Charity School of *Saint John* aforeſaid, be not paid, and I do hereby revoke the ſame.

And interred in St George's

And in Caſe of ſuch Refuſal, I deſire to be interred in the Pariſh Church of *Saint George the Martyr*, in the Borough of *Southwark*.

And

And in Caſe of ſuch Refuſal, and I ſhould be buried in the Church of *Saint George the Martyr*, If buried in St. George's,

I give the ſaid Twenty Guineas to the Rector of the ſaid Pariſh. 21l. to the Rector,

And I direct that the One Hundred Pounds be not diſpoſed of in Proviſion in the Pariſh of *Saint John*, but the ſame be diſpoſed of in Manner aforeſaid, in the Veſtry Hall or Church Yard of the Pariſh of *Saint George* aforeſaid. 100l. in Proviſion,

And alſo in ſuch Caſe the One Hundred Pounds ſo given to the Charity School of *Saint John*,

I give and bequeath the ſame to the Treaſurer of the Charity School of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George*, towards carrying on the good Deſign of the ſaid School. and 100l. to the Charity School,

To be paid out of perſonal Eſtate

And my Will and Mind is, that the One Hundred Pounds given to be diſpoſed of in Proviſion, and the Legacies given to the Schools, be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate.

Ten Guineas for a Dinner

I give and bequeath unto my Truſtees, the Sum of Ten Guineas to be expended in a Dinner, at the final Execution of this my Will; and I deſire that the four Treaſurers of the Hoſpitals, to whom I have given Legacies, be invited to ſuch Dinner.

Legacies paid & Will completed in a Year

And it is my Wiſh and Deſire, that all Legacies and Charges be paid as ſoon as poſſible; and that my Will be fully carried into Execution, and finally completed within One Year next after my Deceaſe.

Will proved and printed

And I deſire that this my Will be proved immediately upon my Deceaſe, and that my Executors employ a Perſon who writes a good and expeditious Hand, to make a Copy of this my Will; and which I direct

I direct be printed forthwith, and One printed Copy ſent and delivered to the Treaſurer and Clerk of the Four Hoſpitals, *Surrey Diſpenſary*, and Treaſurer of the Schools, and to each Legatee.

All the Reſt, Reſidue, and Remainder of my perſonal Eſtate, of what Nature or Kind ſoever the ſame may be, and which I ſhall die poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in, at the Time of my Deceaſe, I give and bequeath the ſame, and every Part thereof, unto the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Executors and Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, Reſidue to the Aſylum

Upon Truſt nevertheleſs, to the Intent and Purpoſe that they the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, and the Executors and Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, as ſoon as

as conveniently may be after my Deceaſe, convert ſuch the Reſt, Reſidue, and Remainder of my ſaid perſonal Eſtate and Effects into ready Money; and upon Receipt of the Monies ariſing from ſuch the Reſidue, to pay the Whole of ſuch Money, and which I give and bequeath to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, of a Society who now call themſelves *The Guardians of the Aſylum*, or, *Houſe of Refuge*, ſituate on the *Surrey* Side of *Weſtminſter Bridge*, for the Reception of Orphan Girls, reſiding within the Bills of Mortality, whoſe Settlements cannot be found; and which Money I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Charity.

Subject to repair the Monument,

Provided always nevertheleſs, and my Mind and Will is, that my ſaid Reſiduum ſhall be ſubject to maintain and keep my Monument in good Repair.

And

And I direct that ſo much Money be, from Time to Time, as ſhall be ſufficient to repair the ſaid Monument, be paid by the Treaſurer for the Time being, of the ſaid *Aſylum*, or *Houſe of Refuge:*

And alſo ſubject to the Payment of Four Guineas a Year, payable Quarterly, by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Treaſurer, to the Sexton of the Pariſh where my ſaid Monument ſhall be erected, to keep the ſame clean and decent.

And pay the Sexton 4l. 4s. a Year

And I deſire that my Portrait in blue Drapery be not ſold, but delivered to the Treaſurer for the Time being, of the *Aſylum*, or *Houſe of Refuge*, to be placed up in the Court or Committee Room of the ſaid *Aſylum*.

Portrait not to be ſold, but given to the Aſylum.

And it is my Will, and I do order and direct the Secretary or Clerk, or ſome other Officer of the ſaid *Aſylum*, or *Houſe of Refuge*, to read this Part of my Will once

Will to be read once a Year

once in every Year, at ſome or one of their general Meetings; and that the Secretary, Clerk, or other Officer be paid by the Treaſurer, Ten Shilling and Six-pence for his Trouble.

And I do hereby nominate, conſtitute and appoint, the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey*, *Samuel Gillam*, *Thomas Bell*, and *William Leavis*, Executors of this my laſt Will and Teſtament: But if the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Mawbey* ſhould refuſe to take upon himſelf the Executorſhip, then, and in ſuch Caſe, I make, nominate, conſtitute and appoint, the Treaſurer of the *Magdalen Hoſpital*, and who ſhall be Treaſurer at the Time of my Deceaſe, one of my Executors, in his Stead.

If Executors refuſe to act,

others to be choſe

And in Caſe the ſaid *Samuel Gillam* ſhould likewiſe refuſe to take upon himſelf the Executorſhip, I make, nominate, conſtitute and appoint, the Treaſurer of the *Small Pox Hoſpital*, and who ſhall be Treaſurer

at

at the Time of my Deceaſe, one of my Executors in the Stead of the ſaid *Samuel Gillam.*

And in Caſe the ſaid *Thomas Bell* ſhould likewiſe refuſe to take upon himſelf the Executorſhip, I make, nominate, conſtitute and appoint, the Treaſurer of the *Aſylum*, or *Houſe of Refuge*, and who ſhall be Treaſurer at the Time of my Deceaſe, one of my Executors in the Stead of the ſaid *Thomas Bell.*

And in Caſe the ſaid *William Leavis* ſhould likewiſe refuſe to take upon himſelf the Executorſhip, I make, nominate, conſtitute and appoint, the Treaſurer of the *Lying-in Hoſpital*, in *Lambeth*, and who ſhall be Treaſurer at the Time of my Deceaſe, one of my Executors, in the Stead of the ſaid *William Leavis.*

And Laſtly, I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me, at any Time heretofore made: Do declare

Former Wills revoked

declare this only to be and contain my laſt Will and Teſtament: In Witneſs whereof, I, the ſaid *Richard Ruſſell*, the Teſtator, have to this, my laſt Will and Teſtament, contained in nine Sheets of Paper; to the firſt eight Sheets ſet my Hand, and to the ninth and laſt Sheet thereof, my Hand and Seal, this tenth Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and Eighty Four.

R. RUSSELL (L.S.)

Signed, ſealed, publiſhed, and delivered, by the ſaid Richard Ruſſell, *the Teſtator, as, and for his laſt Will and Teſtament, in the Preſence of us, who, at his Requeſt, and in his Preſence, and in the Preſence of each other, have ſubſcribed our Names as Witneſſes hereto,*

ROBT. TYLER,

St. John, Southwark.

WILLIAM MEDDEN,

ROBERT LAW,

Clerks to Mr. Tyler.

Firſt

FIRST CODICIL.

Whereas I have in and by my Will given and bequeathed unto Doctor *Samuel Johnſon*, One Hundred Pounds, upon Condition he wrote an Epitaph, to be inſcribed on my Monument.

The 100l. before willed to Dr Johnſon

Now I do hereby revoke and make void the ſame.

And I do by this my Codicil, which I deſire may be taken as Part and Parcel of my ſaid Will, give the ſaid Sum of One Hundred Pounds unto *John Groſe*, now of *Bethnal Green*, Clerk, upon Condition that he writes an Epitaph, to be inſcribed on my ſaid Monument. In witneſs whereof, I have to this Codicil ſet my Hand and Seal, this twelfth Day of *April*, One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and Eighty Four.

Given to Mr Groſe

R. RUSSELL (L.S.)

Signed,

Signed, ſealed, and delivered, by the ſaid Richard Ruſſell, *as and for his Codicil, to be taken as Part and Parcel of his laſt Will, in the Preſence of Us, who in his Preſence, and at his Requeſt, and in the Preſence of each other, have ſubſcribed our Names as Witneſſes hereto.*

ROBT. TYLER, *St. John, Southwark,*
WILLIAM MEDDEN,
ROBERT LAW.

SECOND CODICIL.

Not buried from Dwelling Houſe

It is my Deſire not to be buried from my own Houſe, but to be removed from thence to ſome more convenient Place, in a private Manner, either the Morning of the Funeral, or the Day before.

No Sale in the Houſe

I alſo recommend that no Sale by Auction, or any other Sale, be made in my Houſe; if not all at once to one Perſon, who

who will take them away without making Sale in Houſe, then let them be ſent over the Water, and ſold by Auction.

As to my Prints, and Books of Prints, if any Gentleman will give two Hundred Guineas for the whole Collection, would have them ſold ſo, rather than give Trouble of packing them; and give the Buyer the Mahogany Cabinet, and the Box on the Top of it, and the Tin Box, and what few are in the Houſe framed into the Bargain: They are in four different Parts of the Houſe, unframed Prints, but are no more when put together, than may be contained in the Cabinet and large Box. Prints ſold.

And as to my Letter-Preſs Books and Pamphlets, if any Gentleman will give one Hundred Pounds, would recommend to have them ſo; they will be found in four Book-Caſes, up-Stairs, one in the fore Parlour, and a large Cloſet in back Room below Stairs. Books ſold.

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Hour of Funeral left to Executors.

As I have mentioned in Will, Funeral not to go till after Nine, think it is too late, and leave the Hour intirely to my Executors.

I have alſo mentioned eight Magiſtrates to be invited; I will not give them the Trouble, but if any Magiſtrate is willing to ſhew that Reſpect, deſire may be genteely accommodated.

Hope all the Executors will attend as Mourners.

Wearing Apparel to Servant

I alſo recommend it to my Executors, to give to my Man Servant all my wearing Apparel; if ſhould have more than one Man Servant at the Time of my Death, then to him who has lived longeſt with me.

I wrote this when was very ill; my laſt Will and Teſtament in the Hands of *William Leavis*, of *Vauxhall*, Eſquire.

R. RUSSELL.

September 16th, 1784.

PROBATE.

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The thirteenth Day of *October*, 1784.

WHICH Day appeared perſonally *Henry Smith Speck*, of the Pariſh of *Saint John, Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, Gentleman; and *Charles Hicks*, of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondſey*, in the ſame County, Servant; who being ſeverally ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſt, to depoſe the Truth, did depoſe, and ſay as follows, *to wit*, That they theſe Deponents reſpectively knew, and were very well acquainted with *Richard Ruſſell*, late of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, Eſquire, deceaſed, for ſeveral Years before, and to the Time of his Death; and during ſuch their Knowledge of, and Acquaintance with him, have often ſeen him

write and ſubſcribe his Name, and by that Means are become well acquainted with his Manner and Character of Hand Writing and Subſcription; and having now carefully viewed and peruſed the Paper Writing hereunto annexed, purporting to be a Second Codicil to the laſt Will and Teſtament of the ſaid deceaſed, beginning thus: "It is my Deſire not to be buried "from my own Houſe, but to be remov-"ed from thence to ſome more conve-"nient Place, in a private Manner, either "in the Morning of the Funeral, or the "Day before"—ending thus:—"I wrote "this when was very ill, my laſt Will "and Teſtament is in the Hands of "*William Leavis*, of *Vauxhall*, Eſquire." Thus ſubſcribed, "*R. Ruſſell.*" And thus dated, "*September* 16*th*, 1784." Do ſay that they verily, and in their Conſciences, believe the whole Body, Series and Contents of the ſaid Second Codicil, to be totally wrote and ſubſcribed by and with the

the proper Hand Writing, and Subſcription of the ſaid *Richard Ruſſell*, Eſquire, deceaſed.

H. S. SPECK
CHARLES HICKS

Same Day the ſaid *Henry Smith Speck*, and *Charles Hicks*, were duly ſworn to the Truth of the above written Affidavit, before me,

AND. COLTEE DUCAREL,
SURROGATE.

Preſent
RICHD. CHESLYN, Notary Public.

JOHN, by Divine Providence, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan, Do, by theſe Preſents, make known to all Men, that on the thirteenth Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and Eighty-four, at *London*, before the worſhipful *Andrew Coltee Ducarel*, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate of the Right

worſhipful *Peter Calvert*, Doctor of Laws, Maſter, Keeper, or Commiſſary of our Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, lawfully conſtituted the laſt Will and Teſtament, with Two Codicils, of *Richard Ruſſell*, late of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, Eſquire, deceaſed, hereunto annexed, was proved, approved, and regiſtered; the ſaid Deceaſed having, whilſt living, and at the Time of his Death, Goods, Chattels, or Credits, in divers Dioceſes, or Juriſdictions, by Reaſon whereof the proving and regiſtering the ſaid Will, and the granting and regiſtering the ſaid Will, and the granting Adminiſtration of all and ſingular the ſaid Goods, Chattels, and Credits; and alſo the auditing, allowing, and final diſcharging the Account thereof, are well known to appertain only and wholly to us, and not to any inferior Judge; and that Adminiſtration of all and ſingular the Goods, Chattels, and

Credits,

Credits, of the ſaid Deceaſed, and any Way concerning his Will, was granted to Sir JOSEPH MAWBEY, Baronet, SAMUEL GILLAM, and WILLIAM LEAVIS, Eſquires, Three of the Executors, named in the ſaid Will; they having been already ſworn well and faithfully to adminiſter the ſame, and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and ſingular the ſaid Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and to exhibit the ſame into the Regiſtry of our ſaid Court, on or before the laſt Day of *April* next enſuing; and alſo to render a juſt and true Account thereof; Power reſerved of making the like Grant to THOMAS BELL, Eſquire, the other Executor named in the ſaid Will, when he ſhall apply for the ſame.

Given at the Time and Place above written, and in the Second Year of our Tranſlation.

HENRY STEVENS
GEO. GOSTLING } Deputy Regiſters.
JOHN GRENE

Second

Second PROBATE.

JOHN, by Divine Providence, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan, Do, by theſe Preſents make known to all Men, that on the 13th Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and Eighty-four, at *London*, before the worſhipful *Andrew Coltee Ducarel*, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate of the Right worſhipful *Peter Calvert*, Doctor of Laws, Maſter, Keeper or Commiſſary, of our Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, lawfully conſtituted the laſt Will and Teſtament, with Two Codicils, of *Richard Ruſſell*, late of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, Eſquire, deceaſed, hereunto annexed, was proved, approved, and regiſtered; the ſaid deceaſed having whilſt living, and at the Time of his Death, Goods, Chattels, or Credits, in divers Dioceſes, or Juriſdictions, by Reaſon whereof the proving and regiſtering the ſaid Will, and the granting Adminiſtration

ſtration of all and ſingular the ſaid Goods, Chattels and Credits, and alſo the auditing, allowing, and final diſcharging the Accompt thereof, are well known to appertain only and wholly to us, and not to any inferior Judge; and that Adminiſtration of all and ſingular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the ſaid Deceaſed, and any Way concerning his Will, was granted to Sir JOSEPH MAWBEY, Baronet, SAMUEL GILLAM, and WILLIAM LEAVIS, Eſquires, three of the Executors named in the ſaid Will, they having been already ſworn well and faithfully to adminiſter the ſame, and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and ſingular the ſaid Goods, Chattels, and Credits; and to exhibit the ſame into the Regiſtry of our ſaid Court, on or before the laſt Day of *April* next enſuing; and alſo to render a juſt and true Accompt thereof; Power being reſerved of making the like Grant to THOMAS BELL, Eſquire, the other Executor named in the ſaid Will, when he ſhould apply for the ſame. And we further make known

known to all Men, that on the thirteenth Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and Eighty-four, at *London*, before the ſaid Surrogate, the ſaid Will of the ſaid Deceaſed was alſo proved and approved; and that the like Adminiſtration of all and ſingular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the ſaid Deceaſed, and any way concerning his Will, was granted to the ſaid *Thomas Bell*, Eſquire, the other Executor named in the ſaid Will, he having been already ſworn well and faithfully to adminiſter the ſame, and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and ſingular the ſaid Goods, Chattels, and Credits; and to exhibit the ſame into the Regiſtry of our ſaid Prerogative Court, on or before the laſt Day of *April* next enſuing, and alſo to render a juſt and true Accompt thereof.

Given at the Time and Place laſt above written, and in the ſecond Year of our Tranſlation.

HENRY STEVENS
GEO. GOSTLING } Deputy Regiſters.
JOHN GRENE

The following Account of Mr. RUSSELL *is extracted from the* Gentleman's Magazine, *for the Month of* November, 1784.

"MR. URBAN,

"THE Will and Probate of the late RICHARD RUSSELL, Eſq; being now printed, by Order of his Executors, for the Uſe and Information of the ſeveral charitable Foundations to whom he left his Fortune, I ſend you a Copy of it, which I requeſt you will reprint in your uſeful Repoſitory.

"I ſhould ill deſerve the good Opinion that Gentleman always entertained of me, if I could ſuffer to paſs uncontradicted the various falſe and exaggerated Accounts of his Character and Conduct, with which the public Prints have been filled for ſome Weeks paſt; and I therefore tranſmit to you

the following Character, originally drawn up by me for the *St. James's Chronicle*, in which I have inſerted nothing but what I believe to be true; and that Belief is founded either on my own perſonal Knowledge, or Authorities I am perſuaded I can rely on.

"You receive alſo, incloſed, an original Letter, written by Mr *Ruſſell*, a few Months before his Death, to *Samuel Gillam*, Eſq; One of his Executors. If you ſhould think with me, that it tends very much to elucidate his true Character, and particularly his want of Erudition, his Love of Truth, his Frugality, and general turn of Mind, and Manner of Thinking, you will print that alſo. *

Yours, &c.

Botleys, Nov. 12.

JOSEPH MAWBEY.

* "An extract from this Letter we believe, preſerving the Orthography, will anſwer the Intention of our obliging Correſpondent. "On *Thurſday* laſt I began my

" RICHARD RUSSELL, Eſq; was born in the Pariſh of *Bermondſey*, in 1723, and was the only ſurviving Offſpring of Mr. *John Ruſſell*, of the ſame Place, Fell-monger.

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my uſual Summer Walk on the other Side *London*, and walked from *Iſlington* to *Sumerſet-Place*, accompanied over the Fields, and ſome Parts of the quiet Streets by the Gentleman turned Apothecary. I compair Mr. *Ellis's*† Manner of Poetry to Mrs. *Siddons's* Manner of performing Tragedy:

The Repitition of them doth not tire,
The more I ſee the more I do admire.

Antiquary Society being done about Eight o'Clock I went to ſee the Two laſt Acts of *Venice Preſerved*, in which ſhe took her Leave for the Seaſon in *Belvidera*; found the Houſe quite full, many had gone away for want of Room, but I put my Head cloſe to the Door of the StageBox, where I very diſtinctly heard her; this I think is another Proof of her great Merit, and ſhews how very articulate ſhe ſpeaks, to be heard in ſuch a Situation, by ſuch Ears as mine; indeed the Houſe was

† *An Attorney and Money Scrivener of the City, the Author of ſeveral ingenious Pieces of Poetry. He is now upwards of Eighty Years of Age.*

monger. His Father, who died in 1770, is ſaid to have been a Native of *Staffordſhire*; and he acquired, by great Induſtry in Buſineſs, about 10,000l. which he left principally to his Wife, *Rebecca Dockor*, who

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was very ſtill, all attentive to hear, only when ſhe called forth the higheſt Plaudits: However my Situation thus laſted but a few Minutes, for a Gentleman came from the back Seat in the Box, and went away, and I took his Place, and then ſaw as well as heard the compleateſt Performance, and the beſt Tragedian I think of my Time, altho' I have not forgot Mrs. *Cibber*, who was a great Favourite of mine. I brought home Twelve Prints, ſuch as they are, from the Society, the Monument of *Reharus*, Views of St. *Thomas's* Chapels on *London Bridge*, &c. ſhould never have bought them, but as come for nothing thought them worth bringing Home. Incloſed is King's moſt gracious Speech. When I ſaw you laſt am ſorry I gave you a wrong Information in Regard to the Majority of *Fox*. I told you only Seventy-Five, whereas I ſoon after found had been miſinformed wrong by One Hundred; it made me uneſy to think I gave you a falſe Account."

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who ſurvived him, and lived with her Son till 1780, when ſhe died. She was a very worthy Woman, and much eſteemed by all her Acquaintance. Some Years before her Death ſhe conveyed all her Eſtates by Deed of Gift to her Son, of whom ſhe was very fond; taking Care however, to provide by the ſame Inſtrument for their return again into her Poſſeſſion, in Caſe he died before her. The Motives which produced ſuch transfer are not known. He always treated his Mother with great Affection and filial Reſpect; with his Father, who is deſcribed as a bad tempered Man, it is ſaid, he lived generally upon ill Terms. A handſome Monument is erected to both their Memories in *Bermondſey* Church.

" Their Son carried on the Buſineſs of a Woolſtapler many Years, and had not relinquiſhed it altogether at the Time of

his Death. He is allowed on all Hands to have conducted himſelf in it with great Credit and Integrity.

" In Perſon he was below the common Stature; was pitted with the Small Pox, and, while in Health, was ſomewhat inclined to Corpulency. He was regular and punctual in his Accounts, and Dealings, and, having been bred to an Oeconomy which bordered on Parſimony, he never had any Reliſh for Purſuits which were attended with conſiderable Expence. If he was not generous, he was honeſt and incorrupt. As an Inhabitant of a large Pariſh, and as a Commiſſioner of the Pavements and Sewers, he always oppoſed the improper Expenditure of public Money, and was ever ready to pay any Sum on ſuch Occaſions, out of his own Pocket, rather than put the Pariſh, or Commiſſion, to the leaſt Charge. It was very

very much owing to him that the latter Commiſſioners introduced their preſent Practice of paying for their own Dinners at all their public Meetings. He was in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*, but never took out his *Dedimus*. The World at large have ſuppoſed that he was the Juſtice *Ruſſell* who had ſome Concern in ſuppreſſing the Riot in *St. George's Fields*, at the Time of Mr. *Wilkes*'s Impriſonment in the King's Bench Priſon, and whoſe Houſe in Conſequence was nearly pulled down by the Mob; but that Magiſtrate, *Edward Ruſſell*, Eſq; is ſtill living at *Sydenham*, in *Kent*. Others have miſtaken him for *John Ruſſell*, Eſq; a Magiſtrate at *Greenwich*.

" His Education had been narrow and confined, even for a Tradeſman; but he poſſeſſed a conſiderable Share of good Senſe, which he improved by reading.

He was, in particular, an Admirer of poetical Compoſitions, and purchaſed a Renter's Share of *Drury-Lane* Playhouſe, to gratify his Love of theatrical Exhibitions, which, in Winter, he almoſt conſtantly attended. In Summer he amuſed himſelf with walking all round the Metropolis, but never lay out of his own Bed. He had a Kind of cynical Turn, which led him frequently to oppoſe the Sentiments of others; and that rendered him in a Degree unpopular. Thoſe who knew him beſt were not diſguſted with his Character, which, though odd, blunt, and ſingular, was ſometimes thought entertaining, and always honeſt. If his Manner ſometimes aſſumed the Appearance, he was not really ill-tempered. He poſſeſſed as much Philanthrophy as is generally found among Men, with a particular Fondneſs for domeſtic Animals, uſually keeping five ſmall Dogs in his Houſe,

Houſe, for whom a regular Allowance of Meat was provided. After his Mother's Death, his Family conſiſted only of one Man, and two Female Servants, and himſelf. His Houſekeeper received two Guineas weekly of him for the Maintenance of a Table, excluſive of Wine, and other Liquors; this was always ſufficient, except when he entertained particular Company, who ſometimes, though not often, met at his Houſe. He was a ſtrict Obſerver of his Word on all Occaſions. Many Years ago he declared in Company to Mr. *Donaldſon*, of Meſſrs. *Child*'s Shop, that he would leave him, at his Death, his Gold Watch: he bequeathed it to him accordingly; and Mr. *Donaldſon* has ſince received it from his Executors, when he expreſſed his Surprize at the Completion of a Promiſe which he had altogether forgotten.

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" As a Politician, he was public ſpirited, and a great Lover of Freedom. He did not much like to go out of his uſual Tract, and, therefore, ſcarce ever took Journeys; but having conceived a great Eſteem for the public Conduct of One of the Gentlemen whom, altogether unknown to him, he had named as Executor in all his Wills for many Years paſt, his Love of Eaſe did not prevent his going thirty Miles to vote for him at three or four County Elections.

" In 1782, he wrote a Tract, called, " *War with the Senſes; or Free Thoughts* " *on Snuff-Taking; by a Friend to Female* " *Beauty*;" which, if not well written, was extremely well intended. * The Profits of this Publication he declared his Intention of giving away in Charity.

* See Gentleman's Magazine, Vol. LII. Page 56.

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In this Tract he has attempted a Diſſuaſive againſt the Practice of taking Snuff as unwholeſome and ſlovenly, and particularly as injurious to Female Beauty, of which he was always a great Admirer.

" It is certain that the Populace dropped ſome Expreſſions of Diſlike againſt the Memory of the Deceaſed, on the Day of his Funeral; but it is not true that he was hung in Effigy, as was reported. The World at large had entertained a Prejudice againſt him, for having omitted all Mention of his Relations in his Will, and this was greatly heightened in *Bermondſey*, by his having directed his Body to be interred in St. *John's* Church, the adjoining Pariſh; but the Funeral proceeded without the leaſt Obſtruction or Outrage, till it came to the Church-Yard, where, and in the Church itſelf, a

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ſurprizing Multitude of both Sexes, and all Ages, was aſſembled. The Singularity of Ten Virgins attending the Funeral of an Old Bachelor, as Pall-Bearers, and Strewers of Flowers, and their Dreſſes, excited the Curioſity of the Town in general: A prodigious Crowd was aſſembled; and in it, it is believed, was every Pick-Pocket in *London*. Theſe laſt placed themſeves in the Church and Church-Yard; they let the Ladies follow the Corpſe without much Interruption; but before the Mourners and Attendants could get out of their Coaches, they cloſed in, prevented theſe Latter from following immediately after the Ladies, and plundered almoſt every well-dreſſed Perſon around them. The Confuſhion in the Church aroſe principally from the immenſe Number of Spectators; and it would certainly have exiſted if the Corpſe of the moſt popular Character had been carried

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for Interment in a Manner equally pompous and novel.

"He had a natural Son, who died young ſeveral Years ago, to who whilſt living he at one Time bequeathed all his Fortune. From the Time of his Death he is ſaid to have given all his Property, real and perſonal, in every Will he made, to Public Charities. He has left Three Thouſand Pounds to the *Magdalen*, Three Thouſand Pounds to the *Small-Pox*, Three Thouſand Pounds to the *Lying-In* Hoſpitals, and all the Reſidue of his Fortune, after a few Legacies, to the *Aſylum* for *Female Children*. Theſe ſeveral charitable Foundations were eſtabliſhed, in a particular Manner, for alleviating the Diſtreſſes of the moſt amiable and helpleſs Part of the Creation; and as he had been a Man of ſome Gallantry in the earlier Part of his Life, may we not charitably

ritably ſuppoſe that he intended making Retribution to the Fair Sex, by Donations in their Favor moſt liberal and uncommon! He exerted himſelf much in his Life Time in the Eſtabliſhment of a very uſeful Charity, *The Surrey Diſpenſary*, of which, at the Time of his Death, he was one of the Vice Preſidents, and to which he has given Five Hundred Pounds by Will.

" He was a Member of the *Antiquarian*, and, it is ſaid, was a Candidate at the Time of his Death for Admiſſion, as a Fellow into the *Royal Society*. He was a great Admirer of the fine Arts, and has left behind him a Collection of Prints which are ſaid to be very valuable. Theſe, by his Will, are to be ſold to any Gentleman that will give Two Hundred Guineas for them; and his Library to any one who will give One Hundred Pounds.

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" It was at firſt believed that he had directed all the Eſtates of which he received the Rents to be ſold for the Benefit of the Charity above-mentioned; but on a cloſer Examination into his Property, that Bequeſt, it is ſaid, extends only to ſuch as were of his own purchaſing; his Father, by his Will, deviſed all his real Eſtates to his Wife for Life, with Remainder to his Son *Richard*, and his Heirs lawfully begotten; and, in Default of ſuch, directed they ſhould be ſold, and their Produce divided among the Children of his Brother *Thomas Ruſſell*, and his Siſters *Willett* and *Parkes*. Their Deſcendents conſider themſelves as now entitled to enter into Poſſeſſion of thoſe Eſtates, and have demanded them accordingly. The Executors, it is ſaid, will take the beſt Advice in the Law for their Conduct, determined, as they are, to do ſtrict Juſtice to all Parties. Theſe

Eſtates,

Eſtates, ſo left by the Father, are of conſiderable Value; and, it is thought, the Knowledge Mr. *Ruſſell* had of the Certainty of his Relations taking them after his Death, alone prevented his mentioning them in his Will; for with ſome of them he lived on friendly Terms, and correſponded*.

" He generally kept about Ten Thouſand Pounds running Caſh at his Banker's, with which he was always ready to Accomodate any of his Neighbours of whom he had a good Opinion (and they were not a few) by diſcounting their Bills. In theſe Tranſactions it is certain, ſo far from being guily of Uſury and Extortion, he never took a Penny more than legal In-

* His Father's Will appears to have been inaccurately drawn; after the Deviſe above-mentioned, in Favor of his Relations, in a ſubſequent Part of his Will, he gives all his Freehold Eſtates to his Wife, and her Heirs for ever.

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tereſt. At a Time when the Trading Part of Mankind were ſubject to many Inconveniences for want of regular Remittances, ſuch a Conduct on the Part of Mr. *Ruſſell* was particularly uſeful: the want of ſuch a Friend, it is hoped, will not now be inconvenient to his Trading Connections.

" He was a great Admirer of Dr. *Samuel Johnſon*, who, it is ſaid, had formerly been his Tenant; and he left him originally One Hundred Pounds, on Condition that he ſhould write his Epitaph. So far from entertaining a Wiſh that ſuch Epitaph ſhould be fulſome, he knew enough of Dr. *Johnſon*, to be convinced that he was leſs likely than any other Man to flatter the Dead or the Living. That he afterwards changed the Bequeſt in favor of the Rev. Mr. *Groſe* might, and probably did, ariſe from the infirm State of Dr. *Johnſon's*

Health, and from a Deſire of paying a Teſtimony of Reſpect to the Talents and Ingenuity of a worthy young Clergyman, who reſided many Years near him, and with whom he had lived on Terms of great Intimacy and Friendſhip

"From his firſt being ſeized with the Jaundice, of which he died, he was firmly perſuaded that he ſhould not, and he frequently ſaid he did not wiſh to recover. Poſſeſſed of his full Senſes almoſt to the laſt, he from Day to Day would talk of his approaching Diſſolution, and gave Directions to his Servants, and to Mr. *Leavis*, one of his Executors, who was every Day with him, with a Calmneſs, Compoſure, and Fortitude of Mind, which would do Honour to the beſt of Men. His Regularity was ſuch, that having been accuſtomed to pay his Servants on the Day next after every Quarter-Day, he paid, on the

the Thirtieth of *September*, his Houſe-keeper her Wages, and made her a Preſent for her Care of him, an Hour or Two only before his Death, at a Time when he expected almoſt immediate Diſſolution.

" He was extremely fond of Sculpture, which probably led him to direct a Monument of Two Thouſand Pounds Value to be erected in St. *John's* Church, in *Southwark*. He paſſed over his own Pariſh Church on this Occaſion, not, as it has been ſaid, from Diſlike to the Inhabitants there (for whoſe Charity School he left One Hundred Pounds by his Will) but from the Impoſſibility of obtaining Room for its Erection in a Fabric ſo ancient. If this laſt Act of Human Vanity will not bear the rigid Animadverſion of Reaſon and Philoſophy, let us conſider that none of us are perfect; that the beſt of Men have their Frailties, and that he is happieſt who has the feweſt Imperfections!

"The Author of this Account knew him many Years in Public, and ſince his Death he has had many Opportunities of acquiring Information reſpecting his private Life. That Mr. *Ruſſell* was not what the World would call an amiable Man in his Manners or Deportment, is certain; a defective Education had prevented him from being ſuch. But it is equally certain that he did not deſerve the Opprobrium with which his Memory has been branded by the public Prints. Impelled by Truth alone, the Author of this brief Account, who can have no other Motive, has thought it a Duty in him to vindicate from Miſrepreſentation, the Character of a Man, whoſe Failings have been exaggerated, and whoſe good Qualities have been ſunk in general Abuſe."

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The following Extract from a Book, called, "Inventory of the Effects of *Richard Ruſſell*, continued regularly from One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two," will ſhew the Increaſe of his Fortune from Time to Time:

		£.	s.	d.
1749	March,	624	0	0
1752	June, by ſelf,	901	0	0
1753	June,	1133	0	0
1754	November,	1141	0	0
1755	June,	1514	0	0
	Chriſtmas,	1175	0	0
1756	July,	1580	0	0
1757	January,	1673	0	0
	Chriſtmas,	1916	0	0
1758	Ditto	2430	0	0
1759	Ditto	2849	0	0
1760	Ditto	3185	0	0
1761	Ditto	3560	0	0
1762	Midſummer (old Houſe)	4012	17	0
1763	Ditto	4775	0	0
1764	Ditto (1050 gained	5824	15	0
1765	Ditto	5748	0	0
1765	Chriſtmas (Robert)	6071	13	0
1766	Midſummer,	6266	4	0
	Chriſtmas,	6458	1	0

		£.	s.	d.
1767	Michaelmas,	6840	0	0
	March 10, took Stock	7324	11	0
1768	July 1,	7564	10	0
1769	January 2,	7913	14	0
	July 24,	8511	0	0
	Chriſtmas (1272 gained)	9185	1	0
1770	Midſummer,	9591	12	0
1771	July,	13,353	1	0
1772	Auguſt 1,	13,450	0	0
1773	June,	13,350	0	0
1774	January (1539)	14,889	0	0
	July,	15,450	6	0
1775	January,	16,074	17	0
1776	January,	16,980	14	0
1778	July,	18,037	14	0
1779	November,	18,653	12	0
1781	January 27,	24,920	15	8
1783	March 1,	*29,157	17	0

* *There is Reaſon to believe that* Mr. Ruſſell's *Valuation of his Property is over rated.*

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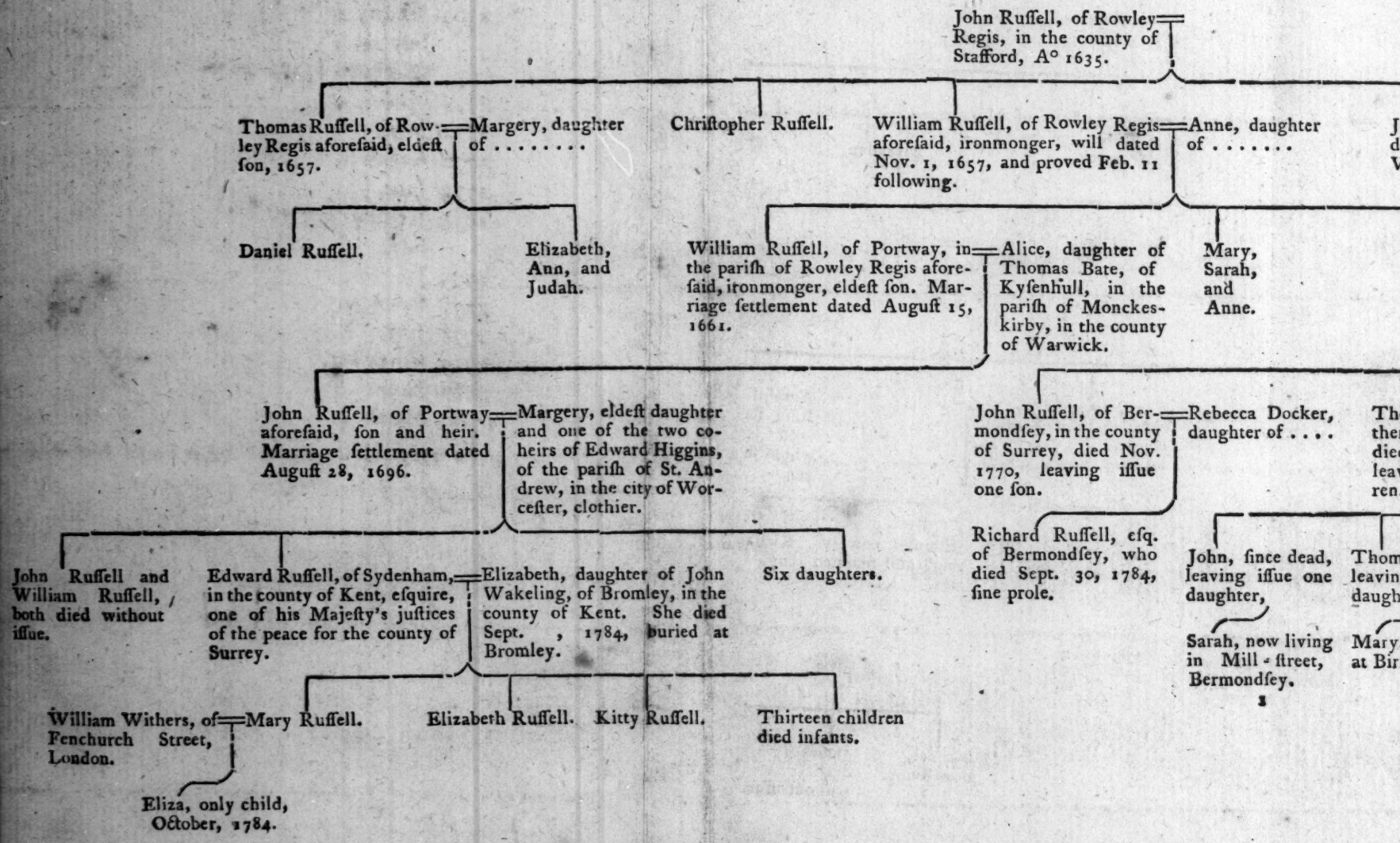
The PEDIGREE of the late RICHARD RUSSELL, Eſquire, of BERMONDSEY, in
in the County of KENT, Eſquire; deſce

Compiled from ſundry Deeds, Wills, &c. in the Poſſeſſion of the latter



EY, in the County of SURREY; and of EDWARD RUSSELL, of SYDENHAM,
; descended from STAFFORDSHIRE;

the latter, by JOHN HARRISON, Norroy King of Arms, A° 1784.